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TAGS: OVIP (DR JUAN PABLO PEREZ ALFONSO)
SUBJECT: REQUEST TO ARRANGE HOSPITAL ADMISSION FOR
DR JUAN PABLO PEREZ ALFONSO

REF: CROWLEY-SERGEANT TELCON OF MAY 8

1. AS REPORTED IN REF TELCON, FORMER PRESIDENT
ROMULO BETANCOURT PHONED AMBASSADOR ON MAY 8 TO REQUEST
THAT HOSPITALIZATION BE ARRANGED AT A US MILITARY
FACILITY (SUCH AS WALTER REED HOSPITAL) FOR JUAN PABLO
PEREZ ALFONSO, EX-MINISTER OF MINES AND PETROLEUM.

2. AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED THE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED
IN ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN APPROVAL FOR SUCH ADMISSION
AND SUGGESTED AS ALTERNATIVE GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
HOSPITAL OR OTHER FACILITY IN THE WASHINGTON AREA.
HE OFFERED ASSISTANCE OF DEPARTMENT IN ARRANGING
PEREZ ALFONSO'S ADMISSION TO GEORGETOWN OR SIMILAR
INSTITUTION.

3. EMBASSY SPOKE SUBSEQUENTLY WITH DR GUSTAVO
MACHADO, ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, WHO HAS DIAGNOSED
PEREZ ALFONSO'S CASE AS "OBSTRUCTIVE ICTERUS IN
LOWER THIRD OF MAIN BILE DUCT COMPATIBLE WITH CANCER

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AT HEAD OF PANCREAS." HE RECOMMENDS SURGERY BE PERFORMED
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. DEPARTMENT SHOULD KEEP IN
MIND IN DISCUSSING THIS CASE THAT PEREZ ALFONSO
HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN INFORMED OF THE PROBABLE
MALIGNANCY.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE

DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING ADMISSION AT
GEORGETOWN HOSPITAL OR OTHER APPROPRIATE INSTITUTION
FOR PEREZ ALFONSO, WHO IS PROMINENT AND HIGHLY
RESPECTED ELDER STATESMAN HERE. SUGGEST YOU ALSO
COORDINATE WITH VENEZUELAN EMBASSY. PLEASE ADVISE.
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